



HUMAN PERFORMANCE FACTORS GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT  
ATTACHMENT 1:

**Interview with the Tesla Driver's Family**

**Williston, FL**

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**NARRATIVE OF AN INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW**

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The Family of [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] (father), [REDACTED] (mother), and [REDACTED] (sister)  
Family's lawyer: Jack Landskroner

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Phone: [REDACTED]

On August 5, 2016, at 11:30 EST, NTSB investigators Ensar Becic and Deborah Bruce interviewed the family of [REDACTED]. The interview was arranged by the family's attorney and was conducted by phone.

The investigators asked the family to provide some information about [REDACTED] background. [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] mother) and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] father) provided the following information:

- [REDACTED] attended University of Mexico, and had ROTC scholarship.
- After leaving the university, [REDACTED] joined the Navy
  - o He spent 11 years in the Navy
  - o He was attached to explosives unit; one of his responsibilities included defusing bombs
  - o He was deployed to middle east and attached to Navy special warfare WMD unit (weapons of mass destruction unit)
- [REDACTED] left the Navy in 2009
- After leaving the Navy, [REDACTED] worked at an electric technician for the next two years
- In 2011, [REDACTED] started his own company—NEXU Innovation
  - o The company specialized in bringing internet to rural areas

The investigators asked the family to provide some information about [REDACTED] use and knowledge of his Tesla. His father was the most familiar about this topic and provided the following information:

- [REDACTED] bought the vehicle new in 2015
- The Tesla had 47,680 miles on it at the time of the crash
  - o [REDACTED] drove the vehicle a lot for this work; traveling to rural areas
- He loved the vehicle, was very interested in the technology
- [REDACTED] was very knowledgeable about the Tesla
- [REDACTED] did not make any modifications to the vehicle, as far as [REDACTED] was aware

The investigators asked the family about [REDACTED] whereabouts in the days prior to the crash. The family reported that they all were in Disney Resorts, Orlando, Florida for a week before the crash. The family provided the following information:

- The family went to Disney Resorts in Orlando, FL.
  - o It was a late Christmas gift
  - o [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived to Disney on May 1st
- [REDACTED] arrived in the afternoon of May 1<sup>st</sup>
- The entire family, along with [REDACTED] stayed at Disney until May 7<sup>th</sup>
- [REDACTED] family arrived to Disney in their motor home.
- [REDACTED] arrived in his Tesla
- The entire family spent the vacation in the motor home

The investigators asked the family about [REDACTED] his general state of mind, level of stress in his life, health issues. The family provided the following information:

- [REDACTED] was in good health, he did not have a primary physician, and did not take any medications
- [REDACTED] was a runner, he biked, and did not drink or smoke
- There was no drama in the family
  - o [REDACTED] grandmother died at 85, the year before the crash
- The family believed that [REDACTED] was not stressed in his life
- [REDACTED] was single, was never married, and did not have children
- [REDACTED] stated that she helped [REDACTED] with his company and that [REDACTED] was excited about growing business prospects

The investigators asked the family about [REDACTED] sleep pattern during the vacation and any contract that they had with him on the day of the crash. The family provided the following information:

- [REDACTED] slept well during the vacation
- The vacation was relaxing, and [REDACTED] seems quite relaxed throughout.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, [REDACTED] attended a trade show, in the area.
- [REDACTED] left Disney at 9:30 am on May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - o He said good bye to family and drove to Cedar Key, Florida where we had an internet installation job.
  - o [REDACTED] texted his sister when he completed the job in Cedar Key and informed her that he was heading to Swamp Fox, North Carolina for his next job.
- The family stated that they speculate that [REDACTED] was driving through Williston after finishing the work at Cedar Key because he was heading to Ocala to charge his Tesla.